

8 wherein the first platform in the storage position conceals the cosmetics
9 and the first platform in the use position reveals the cosmetics.

39. (Once Amended) The container of Claim 38 wherein the spring is in a
tensioned configuration when the first platform is in the storage position and the spring
is in an at least partially relaxed configuration when the first platform is in the use
position.

Please add new claims 42-74:

42. (New) A container for holding cosmetics comprising:
at least two platforms;
a hinge assembly coupling at least two platforms and configured for
automatically pivoting the at least two platforms from a storage position to a use
position;
wherein the hinge assembly includes a biasing means.

43. (New) The container of Claim 42 wherein the biasing means comprises a
spring.

44. (New) The container of Claim 46 wherein the spring is tensioned when
the at least two platforms are in the storage position and the spring is at least partially
relaxed when the at least two platforms are in the use position.

45. (New) The container of Claim 42 wherein the hinge assembly includes a
damper to limit the rate of pivoting of the at least two platforms from the storage
position to the use position.

46. (New) The container of Claim 45 wherein the damper comprises a
viscous fluid.

47. (New) The container of Claim 46 wherein the damper limits the pivoting
of the at least two platforms at a rate of about 60 to 120 degrees per second.

48. (New) The container of Claim 42 further comprising a locking assembly
to selectively maintain the at least two platforms in the storage position.

1 49. (New) The container of Claim 42 wherein the cosmetics may be
2 accessed when the at least two platforms are in the use position.

1 50. (New) The container of Claim 42 comprising two platforms.

1 51. (New) The container of Claim 42 comprising three platforms.

1 52. (New) The container of Claim 43 wherein the at least two platforms are
2 provided as separate pieces.

1 53. (New) The container of Claim 37 further comprising a locking means for
2 selectively maintaining the first platform in the storage position.

1 54. (New) The container of Claim 37 wherein the first platform and second
2 platform are provided as separate pieces.

1 55. (New) The container of Claim 1 further comprising a supplemental
2 platform pivotally coupled to the container.

1 56. (New) The container of Claim 19 further comprising a supplemental
2 platform pivotally coupled to the container.

1 57. (New) The container of Claim 37 further comprising a supplemental
2 platform pivotally coupled to the container.

1 58. (New) A container for holding cosmetics and having at least a first
2 platform and a second platform, the container comprising:
3 hinge means for coupling the first platform and a second platform and for
4 automatically pivoting the first platform from a storage position to a use position
5 relative to the second platform; and
6 damper means for limiting pivoting of the first platform to the use
7 position.

1 59. (New) The container of Claim 58 wherein the hinge means includes a
2 spring.

1 60. (New) The container of Claim 59 wherein the spring is tensioned when
2 the at least two platforms are in the storage position and the spring is at least partially
3 relaxed when the at least two platforms are in the use position.

1 61. (New) The container of Claim 58 wherein the damper means comprises
2 a viscous fluid.

1 62. (New) The container of Claim 58 wherein the damper comprises a plug.

1 63. (New) The container of Claim 58 wherein the damper means limits the
2 pivoting of the at least two platforms about the hinge means at a rate of about 60 to
3 120 degrees per second.

1 64. (New) The container of Claim 58 further comprising a locking means to
2 selectively maintain the at least two platforms in the storage position.

1 65. (New) The container of Claim 58 wherein the cosmetics may be
2 accessed when the at least two platforms are in the use position.

1 66. (New) A method for assembling a container for holding cosmetics and
2 having at least two platforms and hinge assembly coupling the platforms and
3 configured for pivoting the platforms from a storage position to an open position, the
4 method comprising:

5 coupling the at least two platforms to the hinge assembly;
6 manipulating the hinge assembly to exert a force against at least one of
7 the platforms when in the closed position, wherein the hinge assembly includes a
8 damper means; and

9 providing a locking means to selectively hold the at least two platforms
10 in the storage position.

1 67. (New) The method of Claim 66 wherein manipulating the hinge
2 assembly includes loading a spring of the hinge assembly in a tensioned configuration
3 when the platforms are in the closed position and the spring is in an at least partially
4 relaxed configuration when the platforms are in the open position.